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Medi-Cal Billing Seminars for 2004!

Attend!

the most comprehensive Medi-Cal training! Become an expert biller and receive reimbursement quickly! Reduce Medi-Cal denials! New and experienced billers will learn how to complete claims accurately.

Changes that occurred in 2003 may affect your billing practice. Bring your problems to our door! We'll show you how to resolve outstanding claims in the Claims Assistance Room. If you have problem claims and have not received reimbursement, our regional representatives will personally help you resolve those claims.

Plan!

to attend a Medi-Cal seminar in 2004! Medi-Cal will host conference-style seminars at a location near you.

Ontario April 6, 2004

Ontario Convention Center
2000 Convention Center Way
Ontario, CA 91764
(909) 937-3000
www.ontariocc.com

Long Beach May 11, 2004

Long Beach Convention Center
300 East Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 436-3636
www.longbeachcc.com

Allied Health & Long Term Care

Basic Biller Classes

Aid Codes*, HCFA 1500 Claim Form Completion, Prior Authorization (Allied Health and Medical Services), Recipient Eligibility, Timeliness and Claims Follow-Up

Advanced Biller Classes

Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Fraud and Abuse Training, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Medi-Cal Common Denials, Medi-Cal Online, Medicare/Medi-Cal Crossover Claims, Share of Cost (SOC)

Specialty Classes

California Children's Services (CCS) 101, CCS Emergency Services*, CCS Other Health Coverage (OHC)*, CCS HCFA 1500 Claim Form Completion, Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Gateway Program, Long Term Care (LTC) Crossover Claims, LTC Common Denials, *Payment Request for Long Term Care* (25-1) Completion, Prior Authorization (LTC)

***indicates new class**

*Register for
Seminars by calling
1-800-541-5555*

Arrive at 8:30 a.m., obtain a schedule and plan your day! Classes are in a modular format and are usually fifty minutes long. Providers can choose to attend any class they wish. To view a complete 2004 schedule, visit the Provider Relations Organization (PRO) Web site at <http://pro.medi-cal.ca.gov> or call the Telephone Service Center (TSC) at 1-800-541-5555.

If an interpreter for the hearing impaired or a listening device is required, please call EDS at 1-800-541-5555 10 days in advance of the seminar.

Medicare/Medi-Cal Crossover Reimbursement for Orthotic & Prosthetic Appliances and Durable Medical Equipment

Welfare & Institutions Code (W & I), Section 14105.21, requires the Medi-Cal program to reimburse orthotic and prosthetic appliances at an amount that does not exceed 80 percent of the lowest maximum allowance for California established by the federal Medicare program for the same or similar service. W & I Code Section 14105.48 requires the Medi-Cal program to reimburse durable medical equipment at an amount that does not exceed 80 percent of the lowest maximum allowance for California established by Medicare for non-wheelchairs and non-wheelchair accessories, and 100 percent for wheelchairs and wheelchair accessories.

In accordance with this methodology, providers may see a decrease in Medi-Cal payment amounts for claims that cross over to Medi-Cal for payment of Medicare coinsurance and deductible amounts.

For more information about crossover claims, refer to *Durable Medical Equipment (DME): An Overview* in the Part 2 manual and *Medicare/Medi-Cal Crossover Claims Overview* in the Part 1 manual.

www.medi-cal.ca.gov

Reimbursement Rates Automatically Updated on the Web

Rate information available on the Medi-Cal Web site is now automatically updated monthly. Current rate information is available at www.medi-cal.ca.gov by clicking “Medi-Cal Rates”.

Instructions for Manual Replacement Pages

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Part 2

Remove and replace: dura cd 15 thru 17 *
 tar field 1/2 *
 tax 5/6 *

* Pages updated/corrected due to ongoing provider manual revisions.